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HOUSE RESOLUTION 358
By Lewis

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Dr. A. Frank Glass for his meritorious service to Motlow College.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should honor those estimable citizens who in their years of work have performed with the utmost integrity, dedication, and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Dr. A. Frank Glass, who has diligently and judiciously served as President of Motlow College for fifteen years and will be retiring on December 20, 2002; and

WHEREAS, a distinguished scholar and gentleman, he is a three-time graduate of Middle Tennessee State University, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in 1964, a Master of Arts degree in 1965, and a Doctorate of Arts in 1973; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Glass began his remarkable career in education with the Murfreesboro School System, where he served as a Teacher, Coach, and Assistant Principal; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. A. Frank Glass joined the staff of Middle Tennessee State University, where he served in a variety of capacities before accepting a position with Motlow College in 1975; and

WHEREAS, assuming positions of increased responsibility, he served with acumen and alacrity as the Dean of Academic Affairs and the Dean of Motlow College before being named the college's President in 1987; and

WHEREAS, a skilled and hard-working administrator, Dr. Glass led Motlow College to unparalleled levels of excellence; during his fifteen years of astute leadership, Motlow College's student enrollment has increased 65 percent and full-time equated enrollment has surpassed 57 percent; and

WHEREAS, Dr. A. Frank Glass implemented many academic and policy improvements during his tenure as President, including enhancing cultural programs and expanding the curriculum to incorporate an Honors Program, interactive video and Internet classes, dual enrollment programs with area high schools, multiple joint programs with sister institutions, as well as broader articulation agreements between public and private colleges and universities; and

WHEREAS, to better serve Motlow College's eleven-county service area, he piloted initiatives to expand class offerings beyond the Moore County campus into local communities, which resulted in the construction of the McMinnville Center in 1988 and the Fayetteville Center in 1992; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Glass oversaw the construction of the Marcum Technology Center, which opened for classes in the fall of 2000; since the addition of the Marcum Center, Motlow College has twice been ranked among the nation's "Most Wired" two-year colleges; and

WHEREAS, a dynamic and progressive leader, Dr. A. Frank Glass implemented online and telephone registration, led the college's enrollment management team to boost declining enrollment, and restructured the academic unit into three divisions: Career Education and

Workforce Development, Humanities and Social Science, and Math, Science, and Education; and

WHEREAS, he has also directed the challenging and ambitious \$5 million endowment campaign through the Motlow College Foundation; his extraordinary efforts have acquired pledges and intents-to-give totaling more than \$3 million; and

WHEREAS, during Dr. Glass's distinguished service as President, Motlow College has achieved Level I and II Total Quality Management Awards, received "No Findings" audit reports for ten consecutive years from the State Comptroller's Office, earned two successful reaffirmations by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, and established Foundation President Scholarships to attract high academic achievers to Motlow College; and

WHEREAS, due to his dedication and commitment to the Moore County area, Dr. A. Frank Glass directed Motlow College to increase its public and community service programs; and

WHEREAS, a highly respected member of his community and profession, he has served as Chairman of the Tennessee Board of Regents President's Meetings for Two-Year Institutions, as Chairman of the Tennessee Valley Aerospace Region Initiative, and as a member of the 77 Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission, to which Executive Council he was elected in 1998; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Glass was honored with the international Shirley B. Gordon Award from the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society for his outstanding and extensive support of his college's Phi Theta Kappa Chapter; and

WHEREAS, an active and esteemed member of the Tullahoma community, Dr. A. Frank Glass is a valuable member of the Tullahoma Noon Rotary Club, Tennessee Business Roundtable, Tullahoma Chamber of Commerce, and National Management Association; and

WHEREAS, he was recognized with the Silver Knight of Management Award in 1993 and the Gold Knight of Management Award in 1998; and

WHEREAS, this exceptional leader is also the Principal Founder of the Arnold Engineering Development Center/University of Tennessee Space Institute/Motlow College Alliance; and

WHEREAS, Dr. A. Frank Glass exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that is characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, he is a faithful member of the First United Methodist Church in Tullahoma; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Dr. Glass is most grateful for the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Mary Katherine Knowles Glass; the Glasses are the proud parents of two sons and daughters-in-law, Joey and Teri Glass, Jon and Karen Glass, and the devoted grandparents of their twin grandsons, Justin and MacKenzie; and

WHEREAS, although he is retiring, his imprint on Moore County and its surrounding areas will remain; as President of Motlow College, he leaves behind an indelible legacy of astute and innovative leadership and the foundation for future growth and prosperity; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Dr. Glass for his dedication to Motlow College and its students and faculty; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby honor Dr. A. Frank Glass for his meritorious service to Motlow College and its staff and students, commend him on his years of professional excellence as an administrator, and applaud his commitment to his family and community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we extend to Dr. Glass our best wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

